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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

David Waddell
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37219

Re: Notification of Transfer of Control of Dakota Services, Ltd. and Name Change to
@link Networks, Inc.
**Case No. 9800779, Application of Dakota Services, Ltd. for Certification as a
Provider of High-Speed Data Transmission and Other Telecommunications Services**

Dear Mr. Waddell:

On behalf of Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P. ("MDCP") and Dakota Services, Ltd. ("Dakota Services"), this letter is filed to supplement the information provided by Dakota Services in the above referenced application for authority to provide high-speed data transmission and other telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee ("Application"), which is currently pending before the Authority. Specifically, by this letter, MDCP and Dakota Services notify the Authority of: (1) the transfer control of Dakota Services to MDCP; and (2) Dakota Services' name change to "@link Networks, Inc." ("@link"). As discussed below, the transfer of control and name change will not result in a change in the manner in which Dakota Services will provide service to Tennessee customers, as proposed in its Application.

An original and thirteen (13) copies of this filing are enclosed. Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the postage-paid, self addressed envelope provided.

Description of the Transaction and Name Change

Dakota Services is a privately held Wisconsin corporation with principal offices located in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Dakota Services is authorized to provide facilities-based data CLEC services in over 20 states. In Tennessee, Dakota Services has an application pending to provide such services in the above referenced case.

MDCP, a Delaware limited partnership, is a private equity fund with total equity commitments of \$2.2 Billion. MDCP is an affiliate of Madison Dearborn Partners, Inc. ("MDP"), one of the leading private equity firms in the United States. The principals of MDP possess a wealth of experience in

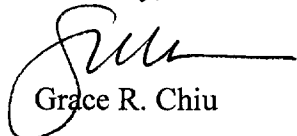
financing and sponsoring emerging telecommunications companies, which currently include two CLECs. MDCP has committed \$45 Million to its investment in Dakota Services. With the telecommunications management experience of MDP behind it, MDCP is well qualified to acquire ownership and control of Dakota Services.

MDCP and Dakota Services determined that they could improve the operational efficiency and competitive position of Dakota Services by transferring control of Dakota Services to MDCP. To that end, Dakota Services was merged with and into a wholly owned subsidiary of @Link Holdings, Inc. ("@Link Holdings") formed specifically for purposes of accomplishing the transfer of control. @Link Holdings is a Delaware holding company in which MDCP has a majority ownership interest.^{1/} As a result of the merger, Dakota Services became a wholly owned subsidiary of @Link Holdings, under the ultimate (majority) control of MDCP. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is an illustrative chart depicting the corporate structure of the parties prior to and immediately following the merger. Immediately following the transfer of control, Dakota Services changed its legal name to @link Networks, Inc.

Although ownership and control of Dakota Services was transferred to MDCP, the transfer does not involve a change in the manner in which Dakota Services -- bearing its new name, @link Networks, Inc. -- will provide services to Tennessee customers. None of the rates, terms, or conditions of service proposed in Dakota Services' Application will be changed as a result of the transaction. The transfer of control of Dakota Services to MDCP, therefore, will be virtually transparent to Tennessee customers in terms of the services that they will receive.

This letter is filed to supplement the information provided by Dakota Services in its application to provide high-speed data transmission and other telecommunications services. If there are any questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Grace R. Chiu

Counsel for Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P.
and @link Networks, Inc. (f/k/a Dakota Services, Ltd.)

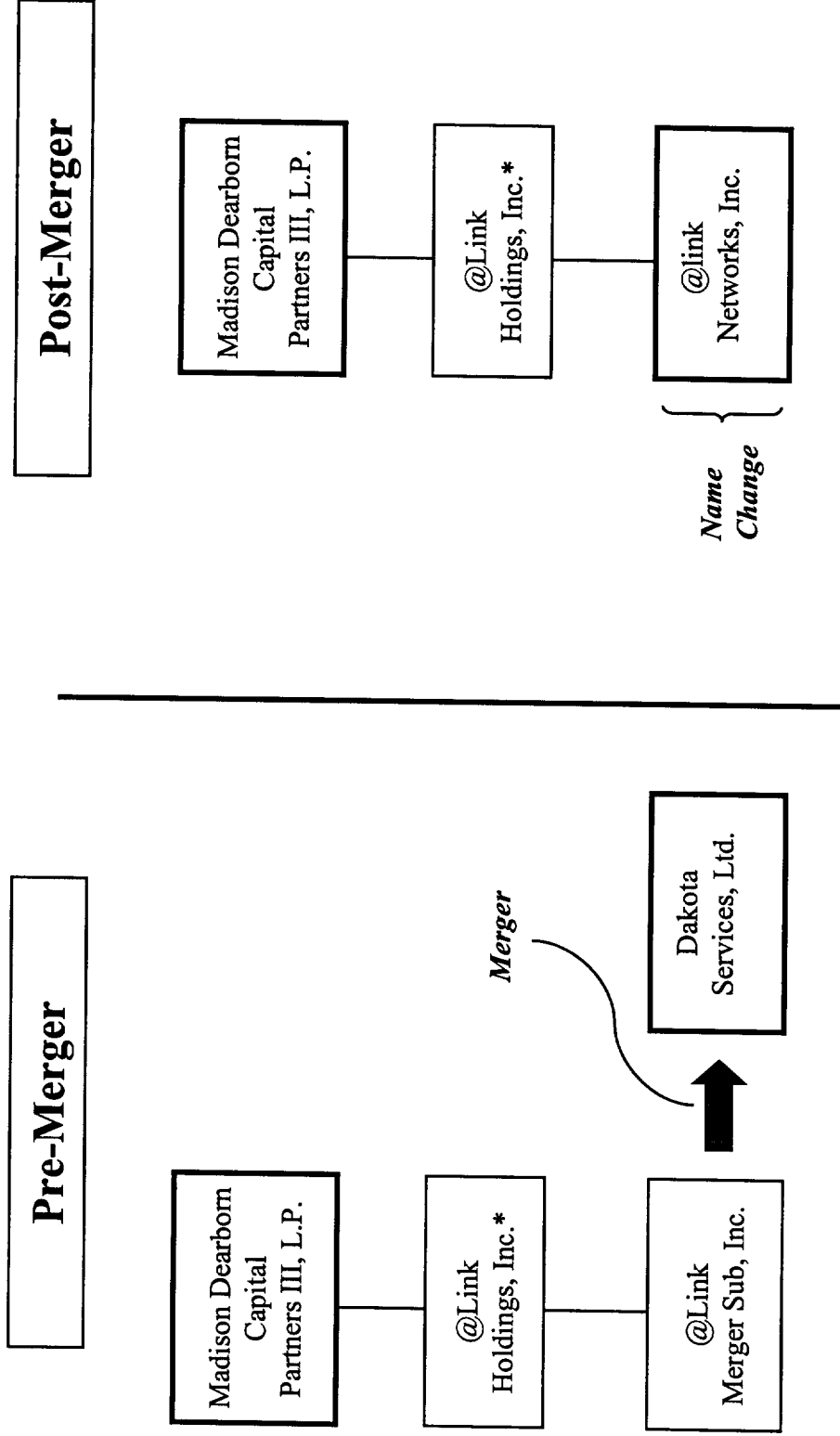
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^{1/} @Link Holdings does not provide telecommunications services and holds no regulatory licenses from this or any other regulatory commission.

EXHIBIT A

**Illustrative Chart of Transfer of Control
of Dakota Services to MDCP**

Transfer of Control of Dakota Services, Ltd.
to Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P.



* @Link Holdings, Inc. is majority owned and controlled by Madison Dearborn Capital Partners III, L.P.